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Sir:

Applicants note that the office of the undersigned has not received the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application and applicants respectfully request the Official Filing Receipt.

An early response to this request is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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